Activities of mafia in coalfields

40. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that despite various measures taken by Government to check crimes in the coalfields, the coal mafia continue their unlawful activities and that large scale smuggling of coal from Dhanbad, Giridih, Hazaribagh and other coalfields is still going on; and

(b) if so, what are thereasons for the failure of anti-crime drive launched by Government and what measures are being contemplated by Government to check such unlawful activities in coalfields?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Activities of anti-social elements have been affecting the operations of Bharat Coking Coal Limited. The BCCL management have taken steps to strengthen the watch and ward measures, to exercise greater vigilance in road sales of coal, fencing of coal depots, departmentalisation of internal transport of coal/coke from pitheads to railway sidings, regular transfer of persons holding sensitive positions and action against employees linked with anti-social elements. Besides these, the local State Administration has been approached to take steps to strengthen the Police and criminal Justice Administration.

State Government of Bihar have directed the Dhanbad District Administration to take firm action against anti-social elements. Three courts in Dhanbad have been earmarked for expeditous disposal of important cases.

On account of the measures taken the activities of anti-social elements have been contained to a considerable extent. The law enforcement agencies are taking constant and co-ordinated action to curb these activities.

Safety measures to prevent rock-burst in mines

41. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the safety measures taken at present in the mines to prevent possible rock-burst;

(b) whether all the mines in the country are provided with micro-seismic equipment for making miners alert well in advance of the possibility of rock-burst;

(c) if not, whether such devices are proposed to be installed in the mines which are situated in seismically active zones; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when such devices are likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS BY NABARD

42. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the amount of assistance given by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development during the Sixth Five-Year Plan period to small and marginal farmers in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The State-wise amounts of refinance disbursed by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for small and marginal farmers under schemes involving term loans for development of agriculture and allied activities including IRDP during the years